



Congressman Elijah E. Cummings

Service Academy Nomination Application

2010

## **Nomination Information**

In order to be considered for a nomination, all applicants must be able to meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a citizen of the United States.
2. Must never have been married, have no dependents, and not pregnant.
3. As of July 1, 2010, must be at least 17 years of age and have not passed their 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday. For the Merchant Marine Academy only: Must be 17 years of age, and not have passed your 25<sup>th</sup> birthday by July 1.
4. Your permanent/principal home **MUST** be in the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. You will affirm this by completing an affidavit of residence.
5. You must also demonstrate leadership potential, moral character, physical fitness, and active participation in extracurricular and community activities.

## **Nominating Sources**

Obtaining a Congressional Nomination from my office is a rewarding and worthwhile pursuit; however, it is extremely competitive. With this information in mind, I encourage all students to apply to all nominating sources for which they are eligible. These include Senator Barbara Mikulski, Senator Benjamin Cardin, and the Vice President of the United States.

- **Please be aware that admission to an Academy is determined by each Academy through an established Admission procedure. A Senator or Member of Congress only has the ability to nominate candidates to be considered for appointment to an Academy.**
- **If you are interested in attending the United States Coast Guard Academy, please be advised that it is not necessary for you to secure a Congressional Nomination.**

## **Application and Nomination Process**

The first step to applying for a nomination from my office will be to complete my [Service Academy Application](#) and an [Affidavit of Residence](#).

In addition, we will require the following information:

1. Three signed letters of recommendation.
  - a. One must be from a math or science teacher who can evaluate and attest to your abilities
  - b. The other must be from an adult, non-family member, who can attest to your abilities and character. Examples are:
    1. A Coach
    2. Pastor
    3. Club Moderator
    4. Principal, Teacher, or Guidance Counselor
2. A typed list of activities you have participated in during high school. (Resume format is acceptable.)
3. An Official High School Transcript, complete with your GPA. (Unweighted and Weighted will both be taken into consideration.)
4. Official SAT or ACT scores.
  - a. SAT report code: 5471
  - b. ACT report code: 7449
5. Two page, double spaced, typed essay, explaining why you want to attend a United States Service Academy. (This essay should not be a biographical sketch.) The essay may be emailed as an attachment in word or wordperfect document format to Cummings.Academy@mail.house.gov)

This information should be submitted to my Catonsville district office no later than **5:30 P.M. November 12, 2010. (For overseas applicants: November 19, 2010.)**

### **Instructions for Reapplying Applicants**

If you are reapplying for a nomination, please include a letter of recommendation from the college you are currently attending in addition to the previous information required. Please also include current school information and an academic transcript. Since files from previous years are available, it will not be necessary for you to submit another essay.

### **Instructions for Home Schooled Students**

General requirements for home schooled students applying for nominations will be the same as all other students applying for a nomination, however, please contact Mrs. Malone as further instructions may be necessary.

### **Please forward all information to:**

Congressman Elijah Cummings  
ATTN: Mrs. Katie Malone  
754 Frederick Road  
Catonsville, MD 21228

Any questions regarding this application or requirements may be directed to Mrs. Malone via telephone at:

(410) 719-8777

Or via email at: [Cummings.Academy@mail.house.gov](mailto:Cummings.Academy@mail.house.gov)

### **Review Process**

I have a limited number of nominations available each academic year. To assist me in determining the most qualified candidates, I use a Service Academy Review Board. The Board meets with each candidate and makes recommendations to me based on interviews and the academic materials noted above.

**Only candidates with a completed file as of November 12, 2009 will be considered by the Academy Review Board.** Applicants will be notified in late December 2010 as to the time and place of the interviews.

## **Application for Service Academy Nomination**

(Please type of print clearly)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

2. Permanent Address

\_\_\_\_\_ (Number & Street)

\_\_\_\_\_ (City, State, Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Phone: Home/Cell)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Email Address)

3. Temporary Address

\_\_\_\_\_ (Number & Street)

\_\_\_\_\_ (City, State, Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Telephone)

4. Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

6. Are you a citizen of the United States of America? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you attend college or a Service Academy Prep School? If so, please list the college or prep school name, address, and telephone number.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. High School\_\_\_\_\_

9. High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_(number & street)

\_\_\_\_\_(city, state, zip)

\_\_\_\_\_(telephone)

10. Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation\_\_\_\_\_

11. Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation\_\_\_\_\_

12. Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_(unweighted)

\_\_\_\_\_(weighted)

13. Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ students.

14. SAT/ACT scores: Verbal:\_\_\_\_\_ Math:\_\_\_\_\_ Writing:\_\_\_\_\_

15. Please list other nominating sources to which you are applying:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

16. Please list your Academy Preference beginning with your first choice:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

## **AFFIDAVIT OF RESIDENCE**

(This affidavit must be completed and executed by your parent or legal guardian in order to establish that you meet the statutory requirement of legal residence in Maryland's Seventh Congressional District.)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being of lawful ages and a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Maryland do on oath under penalties of perjury, depose and say:

1, that I am the parent and entitled to the custody of, or the legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor, who has applied to the Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Member of the United States Congress, for consideration as an appointee to the United States \_\_\_\_\_ Academy; that said \_\_\_\_\_ is my son or daughter, and in my legal custody or is my legal ward and lives with me; and that our legal residence is \_\_\_\_\_.  
**(Applicants 18 and over may omit this.)**

2, that I have resided at said \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ years, and although I may from time to time have sojourned in other parts, as it has always been and is still my continuous, firm and unwavering intention to return to said \_\_\_\_\_, and reside there permanently.

That in evidence there of, I depose and say that:

- a. My domicile is at \_\_\_\_\_
- b. I have paid real estate taxes to \_\_\_\_\_ County, Maryland during the following years \_\_\_\_\_
- c. That I am registered as a voter in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Maryland, and have voted in primary and/or general elections in said county in the following years: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Parent, Guardian, or Applicant if 18 or over)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public)